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1. The Political Department of the Central and South China Military Region and the United Front Department of the Central and South China Bureau have jointly organized a political work battalion which has been sent to Viet Nam and is presently stationed at Fu Meng (富盟)* village in Ta Tz'u Fu (大慈府)*, Thai Nguyen.

2. This battalion is commanded by MO Ch'un (毛春) and is organized into 10 companies of about 50 men each. The entire battalion numbers 527 men. It is divided into the following four divisions:

a) Propaganda. To extol Sino-Vietnamese friendship among the Vietnamese people, rallying them to oppose the French and Americans and to assist the Viet Nam Communists in winning over the people for support of the army and the Ho Chi Minh Government.

b) Investigation. To gather all kinds of information, including information on the Viet Minh, and to exchange information on French troops.

c) Training. To train political workers for Viet Minh army units below company level. These workers will be trained at different intervals and in separate groups.

d) Organization. To organize the overseas Chinese in Viet Minh-controlled territory, and to bring them under control.

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* [redacted] Comment. The Vietnamese equivalents for the Chinese names of these towns would be Phu Minh and Tai Tu Phu. Their coordinates are not listed in any available gazetteer.

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